

VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
15 APRIL 2020
7:30 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a virtual public hearing at 7:30 PM followed by a regular meeting at 7:31 PM or as soon thereafter as time permits, on April 15, 2020 through Zoom Cloud Meetings. The Zoom Meeting ID is 207 812 8623 and the phone number needed to call in is 1-929-205-6099.

Attendees:

Mayor: James Schoenig
Deputy Mayor and Trustee: Christine Piccini
Trustees: Mary Bryde, George Gaspar, Tom Boissonnault
Village Police Chief: John Del Gardo
Village Engineer:
Village Counsel: Anthony Molé
Clerk & Treasurer: Michelle Chiudina
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Donna Milazzo

Absent:

Todd Atkinson

Pledge to flag.

Notation of Exits

Mayor Schoenig motions to open up the Public Hearing, Trustee Bryde 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

Public Hearing

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a public hearing on April 15, 2020 at 7:30 pm, or as soon thereafter as time permits, at the Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509, virtually through Zoom, to take and hear comments on the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget as proposed by the Board of Trustees. A copy of the tentative budget will be available for review by the public, at the office of the Village Clerk and online at www.brewstervillage-ny.gov five (5) days prior to the public hearing.

No Comment.

Mayor Schoenig motions to close the Public Hearing and allow written comments until 11:59 pm on April 20, 2020. A special meeting will be held virtually through Zoom to approve the 2020-2021 Budget and any other business is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 7:30 pm, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

Mayor Schoenig motions to open up the regular meeting, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

Regular Meeting

1. Monthly Reports:

- 1.1. Code Enforcement February & March, 2020 Report. Mr. Bill Scorca delivers the monthly report for February, 2020. Mr. Scorca mentions the ongoing construction in the Village, and notes that all construction has been halted due to the coronavirus. Trustee Gaspar asks if the construction that is being shut down considered nonessential. Mr. Scorca informs the Board that there has been an executive order on April 4th, all nonessential construction must be shut down except emergency construction. The only construction allowed are projects necessary to the protection of the health and safety of the occupants or to continue a project to allow the remaining undone construction finish until it is safe to shut the site down. Mr. Scorca said the library is allowed to continue construction and not keep the structure open and exposed to the elements. Counsel Molé agreed that the library should be made safe and may continue to work. Mr. Scorca delivers the monthly report for March, 2020. Trustee Gaspar asks about the Carmel Avenue Bridge and Mr. Scorca explains that it is exempt. Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the Code Enforcement reports for February and March of 2020, Deputy Mayor Piccini 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

- 1.2. Police Report March, 2020. Chief Del Gardo delivers the monthly report for March, 2020. Trustee Bryde asks, what is aided for 19, what kind of aiding are the police doing? Chief Del Gardo responded that it is all kinds of aiding, heart attacks, chest pains and possible COVID-19 related cases. There has been a lot of assisting other police departments in different locations. Trustee Bryde asks what was the male with the firearm? Chief Del Gardo said a man was walking around supposedly with a firearm. The police could not find him but kept looking, found him the next day, and there was no gun when they found him. Trustee Bryde mentions that it has been quiet in the Village and Chief Del Gardo agrees. Chief Del Gardo said there has been less traffic due to the Coronavirus and people are staying home. The Village Police have been checking on restaurants and bodegas to ensure they are social distancing. Trustee Gaspar asked about the parking condition and Chief Del Gardo said a person was blocking the street with their car on Prospect Street and the police were able to have them move their vehicle. Trustee Gaspar thanks Chief Del Gardo for his discretion over these past couple of weeks. It is appreciated very much. Mayor Schoenig would like to thank the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 704. FOP 704 brought lunch and dinner down to the police station and it was much appreciated. Chief Del Gardo appreciates everything the public is doing trying to help. The police department needed the masks and gloves and are grateful for the donations. Deputy Mayor Piccini notes a Facebook post about a homeless condition in the Village, where a resident asks if the police were notified and there was a lot of back up for the police from other residents. Chief Del Gardo informs the Board that the Police are aware and taking care of her and continue discussing her current status. Mayor Schoenig motions to accept the Police Report for March, 2020, Trustee Bryde 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.
2. Resolution 041520-1 – Revenue Anticipation Note. Clerk Chiudina explains the revenue anticipation note is only if we choose to use this and it is not binding in any way. It just allows us to have the ability if we so need. Mayor Schoenig motions to delegate Clerk Chiudina the power to authorize the issuance of revenue anticipation note, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0. Mayor Schoenig mentions to the Board that this needs to be done in case people are not able to pay their bills. The Village still has bills that need to be paid and we are trying to get ahead of this.
3. Trustee Gaspar motions to have Mayor Schoenig sign the payment plan agreement for account #72, Trustee Bryde 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.
4. Electric Bid with Putnam County. Clerk Chiudina informs the Board of the upcoming bid for the electric rates. Alex Mazzotta, Putnam County Director of Purchasing is handling this just like he did last year. Clerk Chiudina is waiting for him to send out what the resolution needs to be. Hopefully bidding will start by the end of April and we will have rates by mid-May.
5. Water Rate Proposed Increase. Mayor Schoenig mentions the surrounding Southeast water district rates and compares them to the Village water rates. Deputy Mayor Piccini comments that the Village water rates are comparable to Southeast water districts. Clerk Chiudina reads off the current rates and the proposed rate increase is listed below. Mayor Schoenig motions to increase the water rates to the mentioned below amounts, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

Inside Village Water Users:

Item:	Current:	Increase to:
Base Charge:	\$24 (\$8 a month)	\$30 (\$10 a month)
27.4 gallons per day	\$0.0144	\$0.018
82.1 gpd	\$0.0144	\$0.018
328/7 gpd	\$0.02	\$0.025
438 gpd	\$0.028	\$0.033

Outside Village Water Users:

Item:	Current:	Increase to:
Base Charge:	\$15 (\$5 a month)	\$21 (\$7 a month)
Unlimited gpd	\$.023	\$.029

6. 2020-2021 Tentative Budget Approval. (See above motion) Mayor Schoenig motions to keep the Public Hearing open until April 20, 2020 for written comments via email or letter until 11:59 pm and a special remote meeting will be held to approve the 2020-2021 Budget on April 29, 2020, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0. Deputy Mayor Piccini clarifies that if someone mails in a comment via snail mail and is post marked by April 20, 2020 there is ample time for the Board to receive it by April 29, 2020.
7. Correspondence sent and received for March, 2020. Trustee Bryde asks Clerk Chiudina how she was doing with responses from the property owners regarding shut off notices due to non-payment of utility bills. Clerk Chiudina said

we received some responses in the beginning of the month but we are having more residents call and say they cannot pay their bill in full. At least 50% have paid or called and ask to make a partial payment. Trustee Gaspar mentions he appreciates Clerk Chiudina's efforts and some payment is better than no payment. Mayor Schoenig makes a motion to approve the correspondence sent and received, Trustee Boissonnault 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

8. April 1, 2020 Minutes for Approval. Trustee Bryde motions to approve the April 1, 2020 minutes, Mayor Deputy Piccini 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

9. Vouchers Payable. Trustee Bryde reviewed the vouchers in the office today and found everything in order.

9.1. A -	GENERAL FUND	\$24,057.46
9.2. C -	REFUSE & GARBAGE	1,944.39
9.3. F -	WATER FUND	3,869.82
9.4. G -	SEWER FUND	57,041.66
9.5. TA -	TRUST & AGENCY	1,645.33

Total Vouchers Payable	\$88,558.66
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Mayor Schoenig motions to approve the vouchers payable for the above-mentioned amount, Trustee Gaspar 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.

10. Other Business.

- 10.1. Trustee Bryde commented that because of the coronavirus and our meetings are now remote we never mentioned Mary Donnelly leaving the Village Office to retire down south. Mary was with us for quite a while and an integral part of the staff. Mary was part of the Village's family and she will sincerely be missed.

11. New Business

- 11.1. Deputy Mayor Piccini asks about the Little League sponsorship donation and Trustee Boissonnault says that it is on hold but he is unsure if donations are refunded.

- 11.2. Trustee Bryde asks about the Music Festival in June and Mayor Schoenig believes we will be fine by June.

- 11.3. Trustee Boissonnault discusses Well Park, and says that the maintenance will fall under the DPW Supervisors' control. There is a lot of maintenance to do, and the planting of the flowers is coming up.

12. Public Comment. John Lord commented about the water rates in the Town of Southeast. Mayor Schoenig had a conversation with the Special Districts Supervisor Levon Bedrosian. Mayor Schoenig asks about what comes out of the water budget for the Town of Southeast? Mr. Lord says that it is based on the water supply, some districts have sewer included and the different needs of the districts.

13. Mayor Schoenig motions to adjourn the regular meeting, Trustee Bryde 2nd, all in favor 5 to 0.